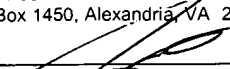


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventor: Appln. of: March et al.

Appln. No.: 10/023,200

Filed: December 14, 2001

For: METHOD FOR ALTERING A WORD  
STORED IN A WRITE-ONCE MEMORY  
DEVICE

Examiner: P. Chung

2133

Attorney Docket No: 10519-24

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**TRANSMITTAL**

Sir:

**Attached is/are:**

☒ Transmittal Letter (1 page in duplicate); Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal (1 page in duplicate); Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance (2 pages); Amendment After Allowance (4 pages); Request for Fully Initialed 1449 Form (3 pages); Replacement Drawings (2 sheets)

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- ☐ No additional fee is required.
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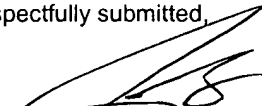
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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$150=			+\$300=	
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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,700 is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
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- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

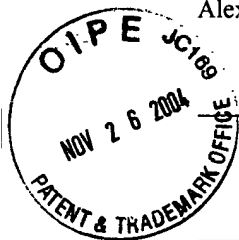
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For: Method for Altering a Word Stored	)		
in a Write-Once Memory Device	)		

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The Statement of Reasons for Allowance notes that the art of record does not teach or disclose the invention recited in independent Claims 1 and 13 and lists several elements.

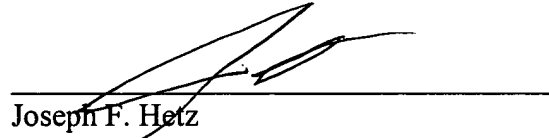
Applicants note that these element are recited only in Claim 1 and not in Claim 13. Therefore, those elements should not be read into independent Claim 13 or its dependent claims. If the

Examiner disagrees in any way, she is asked to respond to this communication. Applicants will

assume that the Examiner agrees with the statements made in the communication unless such a response is received.

Dated: November 22, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Joseph F. Hetz', is written over a horizontal line.

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